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THE COURTS.

Important Ruling by the Supreme Court.

The Position of the City Assessor on Solvent Credits Sustained.

They Must Be Added to the Assessment Rolls When Omitted.

The Merits of the Case Considered as Length and the Constitutionality of the Law Affirmed—Court Notes—New Suits.

Eight opinions were received from the Supreme Court yesterday by Deputy Clerk Season for filing in this city, six of which relate to cases appealed from this county, the others being from Orange and San Bernardino counties. The cases decided are as follows:

Farmers and Merchants Bank of Los Angeles (respondent) vs. Board of Equalization of the City of Los Angeles (appellants). This appeal is from a judgment of the Superior Court annulling an order made by the City Council as a board of equalization, rendered in a proceeding under a writ of review, issued upon petition and affidavit of John Miller, cashier of the bank. The petition shows that petitioner duly made and returned to the City Assessor, on August 5, 1891, ordered notice to be given petitioner to show cause, on August 12, 1891, why its assessment of solvent credits should not be increased from \$277,474 to \$275,000. That petitioner appeared and answered such interrogatories as were propounded, but no other evidence was taken at such hearing. It is claimed that without testimony does not show, or tend to show, that petitioner had any solvent credits, or any which had escaped assessment. The board, however, made an order directing the assessor to assess the bank for solvent credits in the sum of \$277,474, and the Assessor, pursuant thereto, added the sum of \$268,000 upon the assessment roll.

Appellants contend that this proceeding was not to equalize the values of property listed and assessed, but was an attempt to add other property to the list, which it is claimed the board could not do, as it is vested with assessorial power. The court, however, holds that the board was authorized to make the order by section 3891 of the Political Code, which the city charter expressly makes applicable. The claim that this section of the code is unconstitutional, because the State Constitution expressly defines the remedy for an appeal from both the State and County Boards of Equalization, and the power to cause property to be added to the assessment roll is not there given, is held to be without merit, as the Constitution requires all property not exempt from taxation to be taxed. (Sec. 1 of art. XIII.)

The second contention that the board had no power to act in the premises because the notice was insufficient, in that it gave no information that it was proposed to add other property to the assessment, is also held to be without merit, as the defects in the notice were waived by the appearance of petitioner. (S.V.W. Co. vs. Schottler, 62 Cal. 69.)

The next contention is that the order is void because there was no evidence before the board that any property had escaped assessment, but it is held that as the order recites that testimony was taken, and in effect, that the conclusion was reached from the evidence that the bank had returned a false list of its property and escaped assessment, for solvent credits to the amount of \$268,000, this must be held conclusive. The judgment is reversed and the court below directed to sustain the demurrer.

County of Los Angeles (appellant) vs. County of Orange (respondent). Action to recover \$11,973.63. The case has been appealed by plaintiff in the construction of a bridge, and certain transfers to different road and school district funds in the defendant's boundaries, on behalf of the Orange county, after March 11, 1889, the date of its creation. A demurrer to the complaint was sustained, and from the judgment rendered in favor of the plaintiff appealed. It is held that the items for which the action is brought were expenditures made between the date of creation and organization of the new county, but during all that time the territory within which they were made was a portion of Los Angeles county, and it must be assumed that they were made in the wise exercise of its control over the territory within which it was not its intention that it should be reimbursed therefor. The judgment is therefore affirmed.

Smith (petitioner) vs. the Superior Court of Los Angeles County (respondent). Petition for a writ of certiorari, it being claimed that the order of the respondent of September 30, 1892, appointing a receiver for the Los Angeles and Pacific Railway Company, in an action wherein the California Bank was plaintiff, was in excess of the jurisdiction of the court, asking judgment annulling such order. The court is unable to distinguish the action in which the order under review was made from that of the French Bank case (104 Cal. 46), where it was held that the appointment of a receiver in such an action was unauthorized and void, and should be annulled on certiorari. The case of the California Bank (42 Cal. 256), however, is regarded as conclusive that unless circumstances of an extraordinary character be shown to have intervened, the receiver appointed through a writ of certiorari should be held to be barred by the lapse of the same length of time that bars an appeal from a final judgment, and petitioner having failed to show such circumstances, the writ is ordered discharged and the proceeding dismissed.

Thomas F. Joyce (appellant) vs. A. C. Shafer and J. D. Lanterman (respondents). Action to recover the first installment paid upon an executory contract for the sale of land, which resulted in judgment upon demurrer to the complaint. The action being based upon the theory that by abandonment or rescission the contract of sale became null and void, and therefore, moneys which have been paid before its cancellation may be recovered as money paid for the use of the person who paid it, it is not, therefore, an action arising under the contract of sale, and the judgment and order are affirmed.

Margaret T. Sterling (respondent) vs. James Smith (appellant). Action to recover the sum of \$5695, being the balance of moneys received from plaintiff by her confidential agent in the purchase and sale of real estate for her, in which defendant claimed that he received \$2000 less than the sum named by plaintiff, which resulted in judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$3695.75. Judgment affirmed.

John R. Fletcher (respondent) vs. James W. Northcross (appellant). Action to recover possession of real estate in Orange county under section 380 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Judgment and order affirmed.

Henry S. Scarf, et al. (respondents) vs. J. B. Aldrich (appellant). Action to quiet title to a piece of land in San Bernardino county, involving the validity of the sale of the premises in question by plaintiff's guardian to defendant. Judgment reversed.

Court Notes. In the United States District Court yesterday morning Receiver F. N. Pauly of the California National Bank of San Diego was granted leave to compromise a doubtful debt for \$1400.

Judge Ross yesterday morning arraigned C. C. Morse upon two indictments charging him with having failed to comply with certain contracts made with the Government for the conveyance of the mails, whereupon the defendant entered his plea of not guilty, and was released upon bail in the sum of \$500 in each case, to insure his appearance for trial on April 7 next.

Judge Wade yesterday discharged the rule against the clerk of Department Three in the case of William Deering & Company vs. the Richardson-Kimball Company, in accordance with a brief opinion rendered therein.

Ah Wing, the Chinese recently convicted of manufacturing opium for smoking purposes without a license, appeared before Judge Ross yesterday afternoon, and was sentenced to imprisonment in the County Jail for the term of twelve months, and fined in the sum of \$1. His motion for a new trial was denied.

The trial of the William Paul perjury case was concluded in Department One yesterday. Although the matter was submitted to the jury at 11 o'clock a.m., that body failed to agree upon a verdict until 9:45 o'clock last night, when they returned a verdict of acquittal.

W. A. Cheney occupied the bench in Department One yesterday morning, temporarily, in order to render his decision in the old case of E. J. Baldwin vs. James Darfee et al., which was tried by him during his term of office, and ordered findings and judgment for the defendants therein.

The trial of the case against Lewis Carlisle charged with having stolen a horse from J. F. Smith of Pomona, on October 8 last, was commenced in Department One yesterday, but after securing a jury, the matter went over until this morning.

The demurrer and motion to strike out the cross-complaint in the case of the Broadway Bank vs. R. N. C. Wilson et al., were argued and submitted to Judge Clark yesterday morning, as was also the demurrer in the matter of the contest over the estate of P. Convey, deceased.

Judge Van Dyke yesterday sustained the demurrer in the case of W. A. Bosqui vs. Kwong Hung On et al., but granted plaintiff leave to amend, and heard and decided the appeal in the answer in the case of Milton Thomas et al. vs. F. H. Barclay.

The demurrers in the following cases were overruled by Judge Shaw yesterday for various reasons: Will F. Smith vs. Louise J. A. Smith, Southern California Insurance Company vs. San Gabriel Valley Rapid Transit Company et al., Stockton Car H. and A. Works vs. Dan Houser, Ballona Harbor and Improvement Company vs. Southern Southern California Railway Company et al.

Judge Shaw yesterday issued an order compelling Justice William of San Antonio township to transmit the papers in the case of Leon Gazave vs. Martin Uharier, or show cause for not doing so on Tuesday next, and denied the motion for the appointment of a receiver in the case of Frank Freedman vs. Isabel E. Fry.

Upon motion of the plaintiff in the nuisance case of the People, et al., vs. the Fairmont Land and Water Company et al., Judge McKinley yesterday set aside the restraining order of April 7 last and the subsequent order modifying the injunction, and there was granted a decree by Judge McKinley yesterday morning divorcing her from F. Wittenberg upon the ground of desertion, by default.

The following demurrers were overruled by Judge McKinley yesterday: Leonidas Bales vs. W. T. Lambie et al.; Annie Little vs. W. W. Little, and P. Pomerini vs. J. D. Cory et al., while in the case of Thomas Gorman et al. vs. H. C. Witmer was argued and submitted.

Justice Bartholomew arraigned Jesse G. Moore, a water meter, upon the charge of having assaulted an old man named David C. Lewis at East Los Angeles yesterday morning, and was remanded to the County Jail to ensure his appearance for examination on Thursday.

A boy named James Payton was also arraigned in the same court upon a charge of grand larceny, he being accused of having stolen a bicycle. He was required to furnish bail in the sum of \$500 to ensure his appearance for examination, failing in which he was committed to the County Jail.

New Suits. Among the documents filed with the County Clerk yesterday were the preliminary papers in the following new cases:

Vicenta B. de Ybarra vs. George Sanchez et al., suit to quiet title to eighty acres of land in Sec. 2, T. 1 S., R. 14 W.

G. H. Strong vs. Sterling Smoot, suit to dissolve a partnership and compel an accounting, etc.

Chester H. Anderson vs. Los Angeles Cemetery Association, suit to enjoin defendant from diverting the storm water from Evergreen avenue on to plaintiff's land, and for \$1450 damages.

Petition of Eugene B. Pierce for the admission to probate of the will of Lucia A. Pierce, deceased, who died on December 18, 1892, leaving personal property valued at \$8600.

Today's Calendar. DEPARTMENT ONE—Judge Smith. People, et al., vs. Lewis Carlisle. People, et al., vs. Edward Lang, robbery; to plead.

DEPARTMENT TWO—Judge Clark. Estate, et al., of Cornelius P. Crimmins, insane; letters. Estate of W. P. Hardin, deceased; final account and distribution.

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George Steckel, the artistic photographer of No. 220 South Spring street, has scored a victory and distanced all competitors by winning the first prize in every branch of the photographic art in which he competed at the industrial exposition of the Mechanics' Institute at San Francisco, as will be seen by the following official letter received by him:

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18, 1893. To George Steckel, 220 South Spring street, Los Angeles, Cal.—DEAR SIR: I have the honor to advise you that the judges appointed to award the prize for professional photography (class 39) have recommended the following premiums, which have been approved by the management:

To George Steckel, Los Angeles: For the best and most artistic collection of photographs (variety of prints, style and finish), grand silver medal. For the best and most artistic specimen of miscellaneous photography (characteristic and extraordinary subjects), silver medal. For the best and most artistic collection illustrating various styles of photographic printing, processes, etc., silver medal. For the best and most artistic group photograph, silver medal.

Yours very sincerely, J. H. CULVER, Secretary.

The San Francisco Chronicle also pays Mr. Steckel the following deserved compliment, under the head "A Signal Success."

George Steckel, the Los Angeles photographer, has reflected great honor upon himself, his country, and the southern portion of the State. His exhibit at the fair has won him the first prize in every branch of the photographic art in which he competed. The list of his awards is: Grand silver medal for the best and most artistic general collection of photographs; silver medal for the best and most artistic specimen of miscellaneous photography; silver medal for the best and most artistic collection illustrating various styles of photographic printing processes, etc.; and silver medal for the best and most artistic group photograph. With four handsome medals like these, take to his home, Mr. Steckel may well consider that the labor and expense he has been to in his artistic display have not been in vain. He is the Sarony of California, and was the first to introduce on this coast the beautiful soft and artistic platinum work which has so greatly added to his reputation. In the matter of artistic posing Mr. Steckel has no equal, and the finish of his work can not be surpassed.

Mr. Steckel is to be congratulated upon his signal success, which stamps him as an artist of the highest class, and places him at the head of the photographers of the Coast.

SPORTS AT RIVERSIDE.

Entries for the Principal Events for the Field Day.

The field day, which is to be given by the Riverside Young Men's Christian Association, at its athletic park on Washington's birthday, promises to be the best day of sport ever seen in Riverside. The list of entries given below is not complete, but it is nearly so:

One hundred yards dash—L. W. Fox, Bert Newcombe, H. Hazeltine. Mile bicycle, 2:45 class—D. L. Burke, scratch: L. W. Fox, W. L. Pryor, 25 yards: W. S. Ruby, W. A. Burke, Phil Kitchen, 50 yards: T. Q. Hall, W. K. Cowan, M. Dozier, Jr., 75 yards: C. A. Cowan, 100 yards: J. W. Cowan, Frank Cox, 125 yards: Ed Wason, 150 yards.

In addition to the above programme, a ball game has been arranged between the Riverside club, assisted by Cobb, the noted pitcher, and a strong team from Los Angeles.

Will be Returned to Their Parents. One letter received a telegram from San Francisco last evening, signed D. Cavagnano, saying that mother had been sent to pay the return fare of the young lad, Leon Cavagnano, who fled \$20 from his grandfather with which to pay the fares of himself and young Donovan to Los Angeles. These are the boys who, together with another boy by the name of Gaddes, were arrested by Detectives Aulse and Benson Saturday night on information from Cavagnano's parents, who requested the boys' detention.

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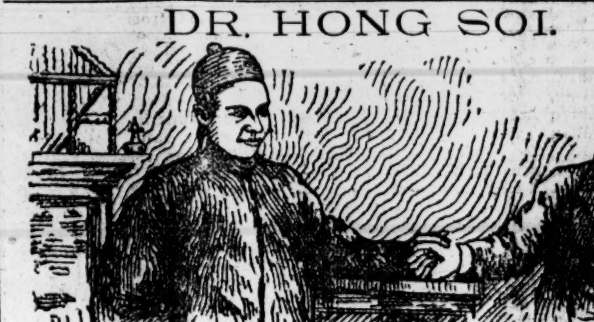
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NEWS AND BUSINESS.

Weather Bureau.
U. S. WEATHER OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20, 1893.—At 5 a.m. the barometer registered 30.10; at 5 p.m., 30.07. Thermometer for corresponding hours showed 51° and 69°. Maximum temperature, 78°; minimum temperature, 43°. Character of weather, clear.

Remember the grand Scotch concert to be given in the new Los Angeles Theater, Washington's birthday, Wednesday evening, February 22. This will be one of the finest concerts of the season, as the best talent of the city has been engaged, assisted by the eminent baritone, Harry E. Reeves, M. D.

All members of Frank Bartlett post are requested to attend the funeral of their late comrade, Alonzo H. Kent, from his late residence, No. 320 Patton street, near Temple, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Members of other posts and all ex-soldiers invited to attend. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery.

Sixty cents worth of garden seeds (twelve varieties if desired) given in separate packages with each yearly subscription to the SATURDAY TIMES AND WEEKLY MIRROR and \$1.30 cash, or with a three month subscription to the DAILY TIMES by mail and \$2.25 (See advertisement on another page.)

For old-fashioned pumpkin pie, Grand-ma's doughnuts, baked beans and brown bread, attend the Washington Tea at First Congregational Church, from 5:30 to 7:15 Wednesday evening. Old-fashioned costumes. A choice literary programme will follow. Admittance, 25 cents.

Awarded to Smith Premier Typewriter, San Francisco, Feb. 20.—At the Mechanics' Fair, just closed, Saturday, the Smith premier typewriter was again awarded first prize and only medal as the best machine. All were in competition. This has been the case for the last four years.

Mrs. A. B. Selby, the wife of Capt. N. C. Selby and mother of Mrs. John W. Mitchell, died suddenly yesterday at 11 o'clock of heart disease at the residence of Mrs. Mitchell in Cahuenga Valley. The funeral services will take place from the residence and be private.

Steckel, the artistic photographer, was awarded the first prize in every branch of the photographic art in which he competed at the Mechanics' Institute Exposition in San Francisco, as will be seen by a letter published in another column.

The Southern California Railway (Santa Fe route) will make a rate of 50 cents for the round trip to Redondo and Santa Monica on the 21st and 22d, tickets good returning the 23d.

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Today and tomorrow one fare for round trip on Southern Pacific to Santa Monica, San Pedro or Long Beach. Tickets good to return until Thursday.

Don't pay \$1 for a bottle of medicine to purify your blood or act on your liver, but for 50 cents get a box of Bellan's La Grippe Specific.

Concert tonight at Plymouth Church, Twenty-first street, between Figueroa and Estrella avenue. Tickets, 25 cents; children, 15 cents.

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Ladies' cloth top, patent tip, full foxed button. All widths. An excellent shoe. Price, \$3.00. Hevies, 18 N. Spring street.

Winchburgh's store, 309 N. Spring street, will be closed today on account of the death of his mother.

See the Cotton children at Pythian Castle, No. 118 1/2 South Spring street, February 23, Saturday evening.

Before you buy your lumber get your figures from Clark & Bryson, wholesale and retail lumber dealers.

The writer of an unsigned letter to G. A. Dohdson is requested to send her name and address.

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If you want an orange farm or land, see ad. of W. P. McIntosh in another column.

Button holes and buttons made to order at Zipamon's, No. 123 South Broadway.

Let K. & K., the Broadway tailors, make you a spring suit. 214 South Broadway.

James Mean's \$30 shoes; sole agents, Boston Shoe Store, corner Main and Second.

Rev. J. C. Fletcher's illustrated lecture, School of Art and Design, this evening.

Curios from Mexico, Japan and China at Kan-Koo. See ad.

Indian and Mexican goods at Campbell's. Kan-Koo, the curio depot. See ad.

William Foran, the tenor, will give a concert on the 1st of March, in which the best talent in the city will take part.

Occidental Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, will confer the 2nd, 3rd and 4th degrees at Masonic Hall.

Subscriptions to the fund to pay the debt on Temperance Temple yesterday amounted to \$140.51, leaving a balance of \$394.49 to be raised.

The semi-annual convention of the Christian Endeavor Union of Los Angeles county will be held in Immanuel Presbyterian Church tomorrow. An interesting programme has been arranged for the meeting.

Last night a large throng assembled to hear the Yorkshire evangelist, Rev. Isaac Naylor, in Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church. At the conclusion an enthusiastic altar service was held, the majority of the members moving to the front. The meeting will be continued every day, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce banquet at Redondo next Saturday night promises to be a great success. About one hundred and fifty tickets have been secured, and it is expected that by Wednesday the full number of 200 will be taken. A special train will leave the city at 6:30 p.m., and sandwiches and lemonade will be served going down as an appetizer for the banquet to come.

PERSONALS

S. W. Greene of Ontario arrived yesterday afternoon.

E. Winchburgh left for San Francisco Sunday evening.

M. S. Pendergast of Salt Lake City is visiting in the city.

Ben C. Jordan, representing the Riverside Press, is in the city.

Mrs. Hughes, sister and child of Santa Ana are visiting in the city.

W. H. Twombly and Miss Carrie E. A. Sprague are Chicago arrivals.

A. H. and S. Caine and R. S. Stevens of Brookhurst came in yesterday.

J. R. Dwyer and Mrs. Dwyer of San Francisco are visiting friends in the city.

George Gillespie and wife of Victoria, B. C., were among yesterday's arrivals.

Mmes. W. C. Bush and M. W. Campbell of Peoria, Ill., were among yesterday's arriving tourists.

Job Townsend and wife and Mrs. and Miss Devine of Tacoma, Wash., were among yesterday's arrivals.

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Bentley Must Answer to the Charge of Murder.

A Strong Prima Facie Case Made Out by the Prosecution.

Testimony Showing That He Had Designs on Other Widows.

The Open Manner in Which Bentley Discussed the Chances of His Wife's Early Demise Brought Out His Future Plans.

"In the opinion of the Court, the people of the State of California have made a prima facie case against the defendant, who will be held to answer to the charge set forth in the complaint without bail."

Such was the announcement made by Justice Seamans at the conclusion of the examination of Henry Bentley, accused of murdering his wife, the late Mrs. Nordholt-Bentley, by administering poison premeditatedly and with felonious purpose.

The third day of the Bentley examination was begun at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the remaining witnesses for the State were examined.

At 3:30 o'clock, the State having finished, rested their case, and the attorney for the defense waived the privilege of introducing witnesses or other testimony, and, after the announcement of Assistant District Attorney Skinner that the State rested, the defense expressed its willingness to submit its case to the Court, which resulted as above stated.

The evidence introduced yesterday was immaterial except as to the identification of Henry Bentley as to his having been the husband of Mrs. Bentley, by the testimony of the State, and also the identification of Bentley by Tim Horgan as being the same person who, in his presence, asked the clerk in Heintzman's drugstore for poison, and repeating the conversation that occurred between Bentley and the clerk, in which the clerk warned Bentley of its deadly nature and Bentley's answer that he "knew what he was doing."

Dr. Kannon was put upon the stand to testify to the condition of the heart of the deceased, which he had professionally examined, stating that the organ in question was found by him to be in a normal condition, taking into consideration the age of the woman at her death, and testifying as to its color being natural for such an organ after death.

Celestine, a lively stable keeper, placed on the stand and testified to certain facts which Bentley had had with him, the most important feature of the deposition being ordered stricken out, or not allowed to be divulged, on objection being raised by the attorneys for defense.

As to the testimony allowed, Celestine told how Bentley had been quite friendly with him, often coming to his stable and relating incidents in his every-day life; that Bentley came to him some weeks before his marriage to Mrs. Nordholt, and prevailed upon him (Celestine) to procure for him suitable clothing for the wedding; that, in explanation, Bentley had told him of his engagement to a rich old widow—Mrs. Nordholt. "But," Bentley explained, "I don't care anything about the woman; it is the money and property I am after. I will secure that. The old woman won't live very long, and then I can take the money and property and enjoy myself with the young women."

Bentley continued: "Oh, I've a nice, soft thing of it, don't you think?" Celestine tried to shame Bentley, but he kept on talking of his plans, and said: "I will have plenty of money after I am married, and will then come and buy out your partner, and we will have a fine time. I may have to fight the heirs, but I have the old lady all right. I know when I have a good thing, I will get away with the property and the old woman, too."

This last expression caused considerable discussion, inasmuch as Mr. Goodrich, the attorney for the defense, could not elicit a direct explanation as to the inference as to "getting away with the old lady," hence it was stricken out.

Bentley, Celestine said, came to him after he was married, and in a conversation, said: "I am fighting the heirs, but I'll win." He continued: "Bentley also said to me at that time, and in speaking of his wife, 'Oh she is too old for me; I shall get the property and the money; the old lady will die soon, then I'll come and buy out your partner.'"

Willigrode, who, in his evidence before the Coroner's inquest admitted that he had entered into a conspiracy with Bentley to defraud the Nordholt heirs, "because there was money in it," and he was "looking for just such snaps," was next placed upon the witness stand.

The evidence given at the Coroner's inquest was repeated with variations, which was substantially, that Willigrode, who was a real estate agent, collector, etc., was to search the records in the register of deeds office for property owned by Mrs. Nordholt-Bentley. This was after Mrs. Nordholt-Bentley had made over all the known property to her husband, who, however, was "suspicious" of the old woman, and believed she was "holding out" on him.

By the terms of this agreement between Bentley and Willigrode the latter was to have one-half of all property found when secured by Bentley; that Bentley had said to him, "Follow me and you'll wear diamonds."

The story of Willigrode at the Coroner's inquest—as to a proposition of Bentley after the death of his wife, in which another rich widow was picked out as a victim, was retold in part, but being objected to was stricken out, notwithstanding the plea of Assistant District Attorney Skinner, that the State and society as a whole desired to "show that this man Bentley, who possessed an abnormal mania for securing marriage with rich widows, possessed inherent characteristics that had cropped out at every period of his misguided life."

"The story was to the effect that Willigrode was to secure for Bentley an introduction to a certain rich widow who, it was thought, would prove susceptible to his wiles, when her property would

be secured and the old woman got away with, and both should go to Europe and wear more diamonds.

The admission of Willigrode that he had entered into these schemes made his testimony worthless, but it tended to show the depravity of individuals who were permitted to run loose and prey upon the world and society without restraint and with a show of respectability.

When Justice Seamans delivered his decision and remanded the prisoner, the face of Bentley became as pallid as his yellow skin would permit, and his nervousness became more decided.

During the entire examination Bentley had shown signs of nervousness, but became quite worked up during the last hours in anticipation of the results, as he must have realized that the evidence introduced by the State was sufficient to hold him for trial.

As he started down the stairway to go to the County Jail he looked around over the crowd with an attempt to appear unconcerned, but paled before the gaze of so many, in the faces of none of whom he could detect a ray of sympathy.

Heretofore Bentley has been allowed the privileges of the corridors and the jailer's office, and ate at the same table with his keepers. It is now proposed to protest against such privileges, and if continued the children of the murdered woman themselves will make such a vigorous kick as will be heard further than the jail.

THE WHITTIER SCHOOL.

The Investigation by the Senate Committee Concluded.

The Legislators Will Go North With New Light as to a Good Many Points.—The Witnesses That Were Examined.

The State Senate committee appointed to investigate the workings of the State Reform School at Whittier will probably return to the North with new light as to a good many points. In consequence, a report may be expected from them adverse to the passage of the bill under consideration, which contemplates separating the girls' department from the school, and removing it to Santa Clara county. The fullest investigation was instituted by the committee, and responded to by the management. The result is that the committee no longer seems favorable to the proposed change, but has undoubtedly discovered sound reasons against it that will be presented to the Legislature with force and effect.

To Senator Ford, acting chairman of his committee, together with his colleagues, Senator Biggy, due much credit for the thorough and searching manner in which the investigation has been conducted. He has been thorough, patient, skillful, and evidently conscientious in prosecuting the inquiry. On Saturday, at Whittier, the gentlemen began their work of going over the books of the institution, which they seem to have found in a satisfactory condition. They then proceeded to the taking of testimony, and upon this task they were busily engaged up to 12 o'clock yesterday. The witnesses examined were: Harvey Lindley and I. Z. Osborn; Mrs. Anna S. Averill; Father A. Montanelli, Gen. E. P. Johnson, Col. H. G. Otis and A. E. Pomeroy; also Trustees Stern and Gibson, Superintendent Walter Lindley, Capt. A. F. Mackey, Mrs. Dr. Lindley, Miss de Wolf and Paul Hoteller, the last being a boy inmate of the school.

As the principal argument urged in favor of the bill referred to by its promoter, to separate the home for boys from that of the girls, had been that the proximity of the two sets of quarters tended to promote immoral practices, on this point was concentrated a rigorous inquiry. In no instance was any proof adduced that there had been any intimacy between the boys and girls. Taking a broader view of the matter, the subject of the school's usefulness from the standpoint of a financial investment was touched upon and further inquired into.

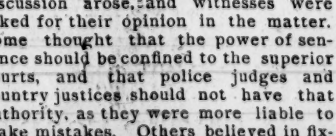
On the method of commitment some discussion arose, and witnesses were asked for their opinion in the matter. Some thought that the power of sentence should be confined to the superior courts, and that police judges and country justices should not have that authority, as they were more liable to make mistakes. Others believed in fixing some limit or degree of offense that should be deemed sufficient cause for commitment to the school.

Summing up, at the close, Senator Ford remarked: "Senator Biggy and myself came down here strongly impressed with the idea that the girls should be taken away. I have not met with a single witness who has agreed with us." Speaking generally, he continued: "The reformation of a boy is entirely different from that of the girl. Take the boy who has gone astray and start him aright and he feels that the whole world is willing to help him. With the girl it is different. Once down it is very hard for her to regain her lost footing, and the world is generally slow to assist her."

The investigation was concluded with the examination of Col. Otis, who was on the stand for an hour and a half. His testimony was taken in detail by the stenographer, and will be incorporated in the committee's report to the Senate.

The party then drove from the main building to the girls' quarters for a brief inspection. The committee returned to the city by the 1 o'clock train.

Their future movements, before returning to the Capital, will be recorded in THE TIMES from May to day.



Today the annual show of the Westminster Kennel Club will open in the Madison Square Garden, New York City.

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